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**Subject:** Hangman Creek Advisory Committee Meetings

**Attachments:** Minutes from 3-20-08 meeting2.doc

[Dear Advisory Committee and interested parties,](#)

This is a reminder that I asked for feedback from you on how you'd like to approach the phosphorus portion of our water quality improvement efforts by April 11th. You may recall from our March meeting (minutes attached) and the email below that EPA has informed us that our efforts to address phosphorus do not constitute a TMDL. Since Ecology has to address the phosphorus allocation at the mouth of Hangman Creek set by the Spokane River TMDL we need to decide how to proceed. We have proposed the development of a phosphorus management and reduction plan that would implement measures to meet the allocation at the mouth. **In order to pursue this option we need agreement from the point sources and organizations addressing nonpoint sources that they would participate in this plan.** If we do not pursue this option, Ecology may need to pursue dissolved oxygen and pH TMDLs to set limits for phosphorus. We are still examining our options. However, we believe the implementation of the bacteria, temperature and turbidity TMDLs coupled with the phosphorus management and reduction plan will also lead to significant improvements for dissolved oxygen and pH since many of the implementation activities (riparian area improvements, shading, reducing erosion) would be the same.

Since we currently do not know what direction we will be taking **we will not have a meeting this month** (normally we would have met April 17th).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you like to discuss our options.

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**Cc:** Snouwaert, Elaine (ECY)

**Subject:** Hangman Creek Advisory Committee March Meeting

At our March 20, 2008 meeting we discussed our options for addressing phosphorus in the Hangman Creek Watershed. Several of you asked for copies of the presentation I gave. Its available on the Hangman Creek TMDL website: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/hangman\\_cr/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/hangman_cr/index.html). You'll find the presentation on the "Technical Information" page near the bottom.

For those of you who were not able to make the meeting, you may want to take a look at the presentation. According to EPA the current effort we've made on the phosphorus portion of the report does not qualify as a TMDL. Therefore, Ecology needs to decide whether we will continue to pursue completing a TMDL that addresses phosphorus or if we will take a different method to address phosphorus. We are proposing the development of a

phosphorus reduction plan designed to meet the allocation assigned to the mouth of Hangman Creek. The development of a phosphorus reduction plan will require the participation of all entities controlling sources of phosphorus. At the meeting I asked the participants to consider these options and let me know their preference.

**I would like to hear back for all of you by April 11th.** Please feel free to call me to discuss these options. I can be reached at 509-329-3503.

Thanks!  
Elaine

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